

**Labor, Education & Training
Special Meeting
June 8, 2004 - 1:00 p.m.
Gordon Dickie Building**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Anthony Waupochick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Those present: Virginia Nuske, Karen Washinawatok, Treva Chupco, Dr. Donna Powless and Amy Waukau. Wendell Waukau, Dr. Verna Fowler and Rose Wayka were absent. Also present for the meeting was Gary Besaw.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A prayer was said by Karen Washinawatok.

3. **Head Start & Education Funding Request-**

Virginia Nuske submitted a proposal to the committee to cover the cost of student grant requests for the spring 2004 semester. Virginia explained that based on the Tribe's philosophy that education is a priority, her request is for funds from the Education Endowment to cover the spring 2004 grant requests for Menominee students in the continuing education programs. Virginia further explained that the requests weren't processed because the BIA and Tribal Supplemental grants were all exhausted.

Virginia's total request is for 27 students in the amount of \$26,878.32.

Amy Waukau also submitted a proposal to the committee requesting funds to cover the cost of installing five point seat belt harnesses for the Head Start buses. Amy stated that having the seat belts is a mandate from the Head Start performance standards and will need to be completed before the buses go back on the routes this September. Amy explained that the Head Start has seven buses that will need the new five point harnesses installed which are age and weight appropriate for the children. Although the buses already have regular seat belts installed the rule requires age and weight appropriate belts instead.

Amy's total request is for \$26,021.00. Amy also stated that she does not have the money in her budget to cover the cost.

Chairman Waupochick explained that an endowment fund was created when the judgment funds were established. Tony stated that as of June 7, 2004 the account has \$4,211,877.60 but the only money that can be used is the interest which is \$211,877.60 and that the \$4,000,000 can not be used.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the education endowment fund and some committee members felt that the fund is supposed to take care of the needs of people all ages. These two requests are only helping college students and Head Start age children.

Committee discussed what all departments they think are considered "Education" and came up with; Day Care, Head Start, Tribal School, Tribal Education, College of the Menominee Nation, NAES and Language & Culture. Committee members feel that the money should be divided up evenly among all the education departments.

Motion made by Karen Washinawatok to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to prioritize the unmet scholarship need at \$26,878.32 and the Head Start seat belt compliance need of \$26,021.00 to come out of the interest money from the judgment funds education endowment and that the remaining interest amount be even distributed to the remaining education programs (Language & Culture, NAES, College of the Menominee Nation, Tribal School and Day Care). Motion was seconded by Dr. Donna Powless. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-abstentions (Amy Waukau and Virginia Nuske), 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Other Business-**

The next regular meeting will be June 24, 2004.

5. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Karen Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services